

WEATHER.  
Snow surges and colder,  
with westerly gale today;  
Thursday fair.

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## HEALTH OFFICIALS PLAN CANAL

Fifty Health Experts Attend Meeting in Chicago and Branch Canal Is Urged by Four States as Best Solution of Problem.

## LAWRENCE BECKER IS ELECTED VICE PRES.

Suggestion Made That Secondary Ditch Connect With Chicago Drainage Canal; Conference Names Committee on Which Is Dr. Templelin of Gary.

Lake county health experts took prominent parts in the water conference in Chicago yesterday. Dr. Lawrence of Chicago, Dr. Templelin of Gary and Mayor Becker of Hammond took part in discussion.

The digging of a branch canal from the lower end of Lake Michigan to connect with the Chicago drainage canal below Joliet may be urged as the best solution for the problem of the pollution of lake water.

The suggestion of a branch canal was made at the annual meeting of the Lake Michigan Water association in the Great Northern hotel yesterday, following the appointment of an executive committee to memorialize the legislatures of Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin with regard to purification of shore waters of the lake.

Conditions Are Described.  
At the meeting yesterday papers were read by Dr. H. E. Barnard, state chemist of Indiana; Dr. W. A. Evans, health commissioner of Chicago, and Dr. J. F. Bleha of the city health department, describing conditions as they now exist.

They pointed to the fact that the south waters of Lake Michigan are polluted by the Calumet river and sewerage.

## CHARLES WICKER DIES IN FLORIDA

W. C. Belman, cashier of the First National bank, received a telegram this afternoon from Florida stating that Charles Wicker, known as the manager of the Wicker farm, east of Hammond, had died there. Mr. Wicker and his wife went to Florida some time ago in the hope that his health would be benefited thereby.

## FREIGHT TRAIN AND STREET CAR IN SERIOUS CRASH

Hammond Car Encounters a Wabash Freight Train While Chicago-Bound on Hohman Street This Morning.

At 6:30 this morning a Wabash freight train going west crashed into a Hammond, Whiting and East Chicago street car and damaged the rear vestibule considerably.

There were six passengers in the car at the time, but they were all in the front end of the car and were not injured by the collision. The car was not even knocked off the track, although the freight train was going at a fair rate of speed.

The extent of the injury to the car was the breaking of all of the windows in the vestibule and the jamming of the rear-end of the coach. The conductor was on the rear-end of the car at the time of the accident, but was not injured.

Passengers' Narrow Escape.  
Although none of the passengers in the car were hurt, they had a narrow escape. Had the freight train struck the car squarely instead of merely swiping the end of it, there might have been another story to tell. Manager Green is making an investigation of the cause of the accident.

## WHITING MASONS HAVE BIG AFFAIR TONIGHT

Masonic Band Gives Ball and Reception in Hammond Temple.

## SPECIAL CARS TO ACCOMMODATE

Will Leave Robertsdale Via East Chicago at 7:15—Return at 2:30 A. M.

(Special to THE TIMES).  
The Whiting Masonic band is planning an affair for tonight, which promises to eclipse anything of this nature ever given in Lake county heretofore. The event will be a concert and ball to be given at the Masonic temple in Hammond. Owing to the lack of proper facilities in Whiting, the Hammond temple was chosen and this will be an excellent opportunity to view the interior of the new Masonic hall, which is a marvel of beauty.

The committee in charge of this monster affair is much elated over the support they are receiving. The talent, who will assist in the concert, is of the best, and an orchestra consisting of eight musicians will furnish music for the ball.

Tickets Going Fast.  
Tickets are being eagerly sought for and at the present rate, it may be possible to stop the sale, as it is the intention of the committee not to overcrowd their guests, but give them an evening long to be remembered.

Special street cars running via East Chicago will leave Robertsdale at 7:10 p. m. and Whiting at 7:15 p. m., reaching Hammond in ample time for the concert.

For the benefit of those wishing to remain until the close of the ball, special cars will leave Hammond at 2:30 a. m. running via East Chicago to Whiting, Robertsdale and South Chicago. Tickets may be procured from members of the band.

## WEDNESDAY CLUB MEETS

Miss Eichhorn, German Instructor, to Read Paper on Swiss.

Patrons of the Wednesday Night club, which meets in the auditorium of the Public Library this evening, will be treated to a word picture trip through Switzerland, by Miss Matilda Eichhorn, teacher of German in the Hammond high school.

Miss Eichhorn will read a paper containing her own impressions and experiences which she gained while on a trip through Switzerland a year ago last summer. An admirer of this picturesque country with its rugged people she naturally gained more by her trip than the casual observer and it is this admiration for the country and its people that induced her to select it from the number that she had visited on that trip.

Miss Eichhorn will give a charm to study of Switzerland, that the book student misses, and her audience this evening ought to be a large one and will surely be appreciative.

After the reading of the paper there will be time for the discussions and these undoubtedly will help to round out the evening into a most pleasant one.

## FILES SUIT FOR \$1,000 DAMAGES

John E. Caster Sues Chicago, Indiana & Southern Railroad For Damages Because of Destroyed Crops and Buildings.

Judge John H. Gillett, formerly of the Indiana supreme bench, and now engaged in the practice of law in Hammond, filed two suits for damages against the Chicago, Indiana & Southern railroad for his client, John E. Caster, who lives in the southern part of the county, along the right-of-way of this railroad.

The damages are claimed by Mr. Caster as the result of a fire, which was started by the sparks from a Chicago & Indiana Southern locomotive, which destroyed crops to the value of \$500 and barns and outbuildings to the value of \$1,000.

In one complaint it is alleged that the Chicago, Indiana & Southern locomotive was laboring under a full head of steam while pulling a heavy train. The locomotive was defective in that there were "holes in the spark arrestor" which did not prevent the locomotive from throwing out "large and dangerous brands of fire."

Happened During Drought.  
This happened during the recent "period of extreme drought" and as there was "a brisk but not unusual wind" blowing the fire-brands were carried to the dry grass along the right-of-way of the railroad. Here a fire was started and the wind carried it "from the point of ignition to the said improvements."

The result was that Mr. Caster's two barns, one tool shed, one chicken coop, one granary, one water closet, 160 rods of fence and 25 shade trees, valued at a total of \$1,000, were destroyed.

The second complaint sets forth a similar lot of circumstances and enumerates other losses, as follows: One thousand posts, 2,000 feet of lumber, 100 bushels of seed rye, 40 bushels of corn, 15 shocks of corn, one binder, one ton of coal and five telegraph poles valued at \$300.

This makes a total of \$1,300, which Judge John H. Gillett seeks to recover for his client. Judge Gillett's suits were filed in the Lake Superior court this morning.

## BANKERS MET IN GARY LAST NIGHT

J. G. Allen of East Chicago Is Elected President of the Organization.

The Lake county Bankers' Association held a meeting last night in the Gary hotel. A large majority of the banks in the region were represented and the meeting was successful in spite of the inclemency of the weather.

Officers of the organization were elected last night as follows: President, J. G. Allen, East Chicago. Vice President, E. C. Simpson, Gary. Treasurer, Walter Schrage, Whiting. Secretary, W. C. Belman, Hammond. There were nine banks represented at the meeting last night. Many of them had more than one representative, however, as the First National Bank of Hammond sent four. These were W. C. Belman, cashier; Theodore Moore, W. F. Macchione and M. M. Towle. No other bank in Hammond was represented.

Simply a Business Meeting.  
The meeting was highly successful, said President Allen last night, but there was little important business transacted except the election. We discussed several topics of interest to the association, but there is nothing for publication."

The next meeting of the association will be held in Whiting in March but the date has not yet been arranged.

## SETTLES DIFFICULTIES

Whiting Druggist Released From His Bond.

B. J. Chrzanowski, the Whiting druggist, whose place of business is now in the hands of the receiver, has settled his difficulties with the United States revenue department, or rather his mother-in-law, Mrs. T. Woelfel, at South Bend, and when he produces the receipts on Feb. 20th, in the office of the United States Commissioner Charles Surridge of Hammond he will be released from his bond.

The hearing in the commissioner's office was set for this morning. Chrzanowski's attorney telephoned from South Bend that his client was sick and could not appear, but that a settlement with the revenue office had been secured.

Chrzanowski was charged with selling alcoholic liquors without a government license, which amounted to \$25. The settlement with the government was made for \$25.50.

## WATER WILL BE THE CHIEF TOPIC

Hammond Business Men to Meet Tomorrow Night for Important Meeting.

## DR. GROMAN TO HAVE PAPER

Fire Insurance Rates Will Also Be Considered By Business Men In Detail.

A TIMELY TOPIC.  
The Groman discussion tomorrow night will be exceedingly timely. The water today in Hammond is filthy. The north wind whipped it into a torrid sticky mass last night and it came into the houses in such a shape that it was impossible to use it for even bathing purposes. Never in the history of Hammond has its drinking water been so vile.

What promises to be an important and interesting session of the Hammond Business Men's club will be held at the superior court room tomorrow evening. A good attendance is desired, as the topics that will be of interest to every one. Dr. H. C. Groman has prepared an address on the subject of "Sewage, Disposal and Drinking Water." He has gone into the study of the economic questions at some length and will be in a position to give the Hammond Business Men's club the benefit of his research. The problems that he will discuss are some of the most serious ones confronting the city of Hammond at the present time, and the more interest that is taken in them the sooner they will be solved.

Fire Insurance Rates.  
Another important matter that will be brought up tomorrow evening is the report from the committee which was to study the fire insurance rates in Hammond.

It has come to the attention of the business men that some of the peddlers around town are selling short weight measures. While the Business Men's association realizes that there is an ordinance regulating this misdemeanor, the business men will give it their personal attention.

Weatherman Turns On the Cold Today.  
Blizzard Gives Hammond People Real Medicine Hat Weather.

Just to show that he has a good supply of cold weather, wind, snow, rain and sleet on hand and is not afraid to use it the weather man turned on a small sized blizzard yesterday evening and it has been raging ever since.

While the weather has not been frigid, yet the high wind has made it and the more uncomfortable and even the warmest clothing was not sufficient to keep out the chill.

The snow fall has been light and has been in the nature of flurries. The wind has hardly been strong enough to do any damage, but it has made everyone uncomfortable.

The change in the weather was sufficient to convince the ordinary person that while it is possible to have summer weather in the winter time yet it is not assured that such weather will continue.

Can't Last Much Longer.  
There is consolation in the fact, however, that the cold weather cannot last many weeks longer, as the sun is now getting so far north in its travels toward the tropic of cancer that back frost will have to do his worst now or subside for another year.

A blizzard raging yesterday over Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Michigan made its presence felt in Lake county today, when the cold wave predicted by the weather bureau arrived from the west.

In Nebraska the temperature in places went to 20 degrees below zero. In South Dakota the schools were closed because of the storms. Traffic was rendered almost impossible in points in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan. The storm raged also over the southwest and in Missouri.

Postoffice Closes Friday.  
The announcement is made by Postmaster W. H. Gostlin that the Hammond postoffice will close at 10 o'clock on Feb. 12, Lincoln's birthday, for the day. There will be one complete delivery by the carriers in the morning. The bankers, too, will honor the greatest American by closing their places of business on the centennial of his birth. The other business houses, however, will keep open as usual on this holiday.

## DIVORCE WANTED BY MRS. MOORE

Gibson Lady Brings Serious Charges Against Her Husband and Seeks Separation From Him in Lake Superior Court.

For seven years Alice Moore and Earl, her husband, have had matrimonial difficulties. It was one of those unfortunate St. Joe marriages, which resulted in many heart aches and much sorrow until today LeGrand T. Meyer, Mrs. Moore's attorney, filed a suit for divorce in the Lake Superior court.

Mrs. Moore evidently regrets the necessity of taking the step, for she stands in her complaint that she would live with her husband now if she could have some positive assurance that he would behave himself and abandon his immoral companions.

The Moore couple have lived in Gibson for some time, where the defendant worked as a steam-fitter. Previous to their residence in the Hammond suburb Mrs. Moore says they resided in Elkhart, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore were married Aug. 12, 1901. On Oct. 23, 1903, Mrs. Moore alleges that her husband separated from her and deserted her. The Gibson couple have one child, who is 2½ years old.

Had Evil Companions.  
The trouble in the Moore family started some time ago when Mr. Moore alleges her husband began associating with dissolute women and spent the nights drinking and carousing with them. Mrs. Moore says when she reproached and upbraided her husband for his conduct he told her to get out as he thought more of such women than he did of her.

Mrs. Moore says that Mr. Moore declared he would live with her only until the little girl was old enough to be taken away from her mother and then he would take the child and kick her out.

According to the complaint Moore allowed himself at least one or two good "souses" a week. In fact, he became intoxicated so frequently and his conduct was so reprehensible that she finally went to her sister's house in Elkhart and kept house for her.

Pleaded With Her.  
He came to Elkhart and pleaded with her to return to her own home and she agreed to do so, but as soon as they were settled in their own home again she says he began his association with evil companions, which eventually resulted in the impairment of his health.

Finally he left his job and went to Danville. From there he sent her money once in a while, while she supported herself and her child by taking in roomers and doing other work.

Mrs. Moore asks that she be given an absolute divorce, and that her maiden name be restored. She also asks that she be given the custody of her child.

TRAIN ON WAY  
HERE IS ROBBED

Monon Freight Held Up by Desperadoes; Men Captured by Police.

A Monon freight train was robbed in Chicago yesterday just before it started for Hammond with a load of merchandise.

By placing a signal light so that the road lens gave a danger signal on the Chicago & Western Indiana Railroad company's line last night, freight car thieves flagged and robbed a Monon freight train at Twenty-ninth street and Shields avenue.

While Conductor William Longnecker, the engineer and the fireman ran ahead with lanterns the thieves broke open a rear car and stole more than \$2,000 worth of merchandise.

The robbery was not discovered until the train, which was bound for Hammond, was inspected.

A train dispatcher notified the police and men were hurried to the scene. A search of the neighborhood was made and it was learned that four men had been seen carrying boxes into the home of Mathew Joyce at 403 West Twenty-sixth street.

A door of this house was broken in and four men were arrested. They were: Matthew Joyce, Charles Ellis, Thomas O'Neill, and William Connors. Four packing boxes were found in the basement of the building.

## SUPERIOR COURT.

New Cases.  
5421. Frederick S. Winston vs. Mortie Gordon et al. Foreclosure of mortgage.  
5422. Olive Moore vs. Earl Moore. Divorce.  
5423. John E. Caster vs. Chicago, Indiana & Southern.

## LIVERYMAN GIVES VIEW ON QUESTION

Henry Whitaker Denies That There Is Any War Against Carter.

## SAYS THAT HE IS THE PIONEER

Asserts That Only Rate Agreement In Association Is for Funerals and Weddings.

"The Hammond Liverymen's association never proposed to put Fred Carter out of business, in fact it thought itself in friendly relation with him, and as to his low rate of 75 cents a person for one cab trip, I want to say that I inaugurated that rate and adhered to it nearly three months before Mr. Carter came back from Crown Point," said Henry Whitaker this morning in speaking for himself and the other liverymen in town.

Mr. Whitaker's called attention to an article which appeared in last night's issue in which Mr. Carter and the Hammond Liverymen's association were put in the light of conducting a war in which the association attempted the "sit down" on Mr. Carter's activities and the latter retaliating with a cut in rates.

## No Rate Agreement.

"There is absolutely no rate agreement among the Hammond Liverymen's association, of which the firm of Carter & Wells are members, as to cab hire, with the exception of hire for funerals and weddings. These hire alone and the boarding rates are regulated by agreement," continued Mr. Whitaker.

"Hammond people will remember when I had a cab standing at the four corners nightly, so long, in fact, that the police ruled me off the streets. I met all the trains and my rates were only 25 cents a person. There is no conspiracy against Mr. Carter, nor is he the first one to inaugurate the low fare in Hammond."

## FIGHTS FOR TOMORROW

Clabby - Fitzpatrick Match Will Be Signed Up and Money Placed.

Lovers of the fighting game will be able to witness a good contest in John Mika's hall, 107 One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street this evening. The principals will be Tim O'Neill and George Goodale and there will be a good preliminary between Billy Sullivan, the coolest fighter who ever put the mits on in West Hammond and Kid Murphy.

The lighting of Mika's hall will be improved, and it is expected that the fighters will be much more readily seen as a result. Probably the most important thing that will be done this evening will be the signing of the articles of agreement between Jimmy Clabby and Dick Fitzpatrick, by which they will agree to fight in this city in a few weeks.

The report is that there will be a large crowd of Chicago fight fans out here tonight and if Clabby signs up with Fitzpatrick it will mean that the best fight that has ever been pulled off in this part of the country will be in prospect.

There will be a meeting of the directors of the Hammond Brewing company Saturday, at which the contract for the construction of the \$250,000 brewery, which is to be built in West Hammond, will be let.

The work of construction will begin as soon as the weather will permit and the big enterprise which has been in embryo for so long will be an accomplished fact.

The final arrangements have been made with the village of West Hammond for the construction of the sidetrack into the plant and now that all of these preliminary matters have been attended to there is no further cause for delay.

The stockholders in the new brewery are anxious that the new brewery be built as quickly as possible, so that they may begin to realize on their investment.

## Location Is Unique.

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## CONSTABLE RESIGNS HIS BIG FAT JOB

James Finneran Quits the Burnham Constabulary and Mayor Johnny Patton Is Looking Round for a Successor.

## BURNHAM WANTS ANOTHER OUTLET

Seeks Connection With Hammond, Gary and Other Cities in the Calumet Region and Set of Resolutions Are Passed By the Village Board at Meeting.

(Special to THE TIMES).

Burnham, Ill., Feb. 10.—The safety of the village of Burnham is now in the hands of its mayor, Johnny Patton, who is also the village's chief of police. The entire police power is shouldered on the mayor of the village, owing to the resignation of Chief Constable James Finneran, who is now president of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, of the second district council, No. 4.

Mr. Finneran was present in person before the village board and explained his position and accordingly his resignation was accepted. Mr. Patton has not yet appointed a successor and may not do so for some time.

There is a bigger and more important question worrying the Burnham village board at the present time and that is the question of transportation. Seeing that the road which was to bring relief to the village of Burnham is willing to do its share to help the thing along, and accordingly sent the following resolutions to the Chicago, Lake Shore & South Bend interurban. They are as follows:

## The Resolutions.

"Village of Burnham, Feb. 8, 1908.  
Whereas, it has become evident that no franchise to enter Chicago will be

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## ANOTHER INDIANA COUNTY DRY.

Clinton Gives Majority of 2,000 Against Saloons, Temperance Winning in Every Township.

Frankfort, Ind., Feb. 10.—In the local option election in Clinton county yesterday the temperance forces carried every township, and the majority, as shown by complete returns, is 2,055, one of the greatest victories the drys have yet gained in the state. The only saloon in the county will close Saturday night. The only demonstration when the returns were received was the ringing of church bells. The temperance people are elated over the victory. Out of the fourteen county local option elections the drys have carried thirteen and the wets one.

## DIRECTORS WILL MEET TO LET MONSTER CONTRACT

Quarter of a Million Dollars to Be Spent by Hammond Brewing Company for Its New Plant Just Across the Line.

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